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STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 26RD, 2015, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 26th day of February, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS *in 1903, an uncontrolled fire raged through the block from Lake to Miriam Avenues on the road now called South Park Avenue in the Village of Blasdell, and as a result, a short time after, the village water system was put into operation with water being pumped from the reservoir near Hamburg; and*

WHEREAS, *on the evening of January 28th, 1905, the "Village Fathers" took steps to form the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department with Mr. Louis Deyer being named acting Chief Engineer; and*

WHEREAS, *at a meeting in April 1905, 32 names were submitted to the Village Board for approval as members of Hook and Ladder No. 1; and*

WHEREAS, *the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department's first fire was reported on March 14th 1905 in the central office of Frontier Telephone Company where a hand extinguisher was used and the loss was only about \$50; and*

WHEREAS, *the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department installed 12 boxes and eight miles of wire, with a bell in every fireman's house, in 1906 at an estimated cost of \$250, and when the old village hall was completed in 1907, the fire department housed its equipment there; and*

WHEREAS, *the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department has grown through the years with many milestones achieved that define, advance and shape them; and*

WHEREAS, *the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department has faced many crises and always answered the call to duty. From fires, great and small, to ice and snow storms, train derailments, rescue operations and a multitude of other emergency situations, they have always been proud to continue the honored tradition of serving the Blasdell community.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department on its 110th Anniversary, and commend the department on its exemplary service to the Village of Blasdell.*

Lynne Dixon
Erie County Legislator – 9th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature